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● Comments:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, please find attached a copy of a Response to Office Action of March 31, 2003 filed June 30, 2003 (and postcard receipt stamped by the US Patent Office as received on July 3, 2003), with regard to U.S. patent application serial no. 09/552,985.

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 31, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 6, 24 and 29 as indicated below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims showing changes is included herewith on a separate sheet.